

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1896 - SB 1869

April 5, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Allows a physician to administer a dangerous drug or controlled substance (but not an illegal substance) to a patient for the treatment of intractable pain. The bill would prohibit a hospital or health care facility from forbidding or restricting the use of dangerous drugs or controlled substances by a physician having staff privileges. Sets out parameters that a physician must follow and prohibits any disciplinary action when a physician treats a patient following the guidelines. Physicians are subject to disciplinary action when they prescribe for other than therapeutic reasons or if they fail to properly document the use of such drugs or do not follow existing state and federal laws.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant

Assumes a not significant increase in administrative expenses in the Department of Health.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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